

REMARKS

Applicants' attorney initially expresses his appreciation to Mr. Westin in the Quality Control branch for his courtesies and helpful guidance in assisting Applicants correct the informalities in this reissue application and place the application in better condition for issue.

Applicants, by this Response, have presented the amendments to the specification and to the claims of Patent 5,630,363 in the format required by 37 CFR 1.173(b). In addition, concurrently submitted herewith is a new reissue declaration in which Applicants have, *inter alia*, verified themselves to be the original and joint inventors of the inventions defined by the current claims, reaffirmed their understanding of their obligations under 37 CFR 1.56(a), and recited additional errors in the original claims of U.S. Patent 5,630,363 that unduly limited the scope of protection that this reissue application is intended to cure.

Specifically, as pointed out in detail by the Applicants in this accompanying declaration, the original apparatus claims 1-28 of the '363 patent either recite limitations as to the type of image to be produced at the flexographic printing station and/or the lithographic printing station, or require that the lithographic printing apparatus be of the offset type. These original claims therefore unduly limit the scope of claim protection to the apparatus of the invention to which the

Applicants are entitled, and to which they intended. In order to capture the full scope of the Applicants' apparatus invention, Applicants by this reissue application seek claim protection that does not limit the type of image applied at the respective stations to only those having color, nor limited to only those applied at the lithographic station that are only different from those produced at the flexographic station, nor otherwise limited by type or shape, and certainly not limited to only an offset type lithographic process at the lithographic station. Applicants' claim 167, for example, provides such protection.

In view of this Response, and in view of the Examiner's previous indication to Applicants' attorney that Applicants' Supplemental Response, filed January 7, 2009, placed this application in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's written confirmation of the allowance of the present claims, and that a formal Notice of Allowance be issued at the earliest opportunity so that this case can be advanced to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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